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SUBJECT: DESPINA PAPADOPOULOS ACCUSED OF FRAUD

1. ALL ATHENS DAILIES CARRIED AS MAJOR NEWS STORY
SEPTEMBER 5 THAT ATHENS PROSECUTOR FOTIOS KRITSELIS
ORDERED INQUIRY SEPTEMBER 4 INTO ALLEGATION THAT DESPINA
PAPADOPOULOS, WIFE OF FORMER DICTATOR, HAD DRAWN MONTHLY
SALARY OF \$300.00 FOR SEVERAL YEARS AFTER SHE LEFT
GREEK INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, KYP, TO MARRY GEORGE
PAPADOPOULOS. THE PROSECUTOR IS ALSO SUPPOSED TO HAVE FILED
PERJURY CHARGES AGAINST "UNKNOWN PERSONS" WHO FALSELY VERIFIED
HER WORKING RECORDS.

2. COMMENT. PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST DESPINA BEGAN MODESTLY
NEARLY TEN DAYS AGO AND HAS BUILT UP TO CURRENT HEADLINES.
THROUGHOUT GOG HAS MADE NO COMMENT, AND REPORTED NEWS
STORY IS NEITHER CONFIRMED NOR DENIED OFFICIALLY.
DESPINA HAS ALWAYS BEEN ONE OF GEORGE'S WEAKER ASSETS,
ALTHOUGH IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE THEM SO VENAL OR
STUPIED TO ENGAGE IN ELEMENTARY FRAUD OF PUBLIC FUNDS WHICH
ALLEGED. THE PRESS CAMPAIGN IS NOW OF SUCH INTENSITY
THAT CHARGE WILL REQUIRE INVESTIGATION.
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